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## REVIEWS

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*Die Weltkarten-Konferenz in London im November, 1909.* By ALBRECHT PENCK. *Zeitschrift der Gesellschaft für Erdkunde.* Berlin, 1910. Pp. 114-27.

This paper states briefly what was done at the international conference held in London in November, 1909, looking toward a map of the world on a uniform scale of 1:1,000,000. Starting with the inception of the idea at the Bern meeting of the International Geographic Congress in 1892, past efforts which have led to the present stage are reviewed. The main features of the resolutions adopted by the London Conference were:

That all nations participate in a world map of 1:1,000,000 scale with uniform symbols; that the size of the sheets be uniform; that each sheet cover 4 degrees of latitude and 6 degrees of longitude (except that north of 60° N. lat. and south of 60° S. lat. two or more sheets of the same zone may be united); that each sheet have an international designation, as North B 12; that the latitude of the sheets be represented on each side of the equator to latitude 88° by the letters A to V, and distinguished as "North" or "South"; that each polar chart be designated Z; that the longitude in units of 6° be represented by the numbers from 1 to 60, the count beginning 180° from Greenwich and proceeding from west to east; that in projection, the meridians be straight lines, and the parallels be arcs of which the middle points lie on the prolongation of the middle meridian; that the elevation of the land be represented by a color scale using 100-meter contour division lines for regions of ordinary relief.

In addition to these leading features the recommendations treat of a great many details upon which decisions were necessary in order to secure uniformity of results in the completed map.

While further consideration and conference will be necessary to determine who shall make the different maps, this conference has prepared the way for the adoption at an early date of a common plan of operations. This important enterprise now seems to be fully under way.

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